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## FOUR ADDITIONAL MARYLAND RESIDENTS PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT TRUST FUND

Greenbelt, Maryland – Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Jerome Curtis, age 64, of Indian Head; Mary Allen, age 71, of Accokeek; and Jean Sultzer, age 65 and William Sultzer, age 68, both of Temple Hills, all plead guilty today before U.S. District Court Judge Peter J. Messitte to one count of theft of more than \$1,000 of government monies. The guilty pleas stem from an investigation into the theft of almost \$4 million from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Civil Service Retirement Trust Fund.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of the plea agreements, former OPM retirement specialist Agatha Malloy diverted federal pension payments to Curtis, Allen and the Sultzers to which they were not entitled. Curtis and the Sultzers kicked back part of the payments to Malloy. On February 27, 2004 Malloy entered a guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and to steal government monies, and one count of accepting bribes.

All four defendants pleading guilty today face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison followed by3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

The investigation continues. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and Office of Personnel Management- Office of the Inspector General. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Barbara S. Skalla and Stuart A. Berman.